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## JAMILAH NASHEED

August 8, 2015

Mr. Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

The Missouri 5<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District represents the eastern half of St. Louis City, including Downtown St. Louis, as well as a small portion of St. Louis County. The district has a diverse group of industries and business, both large and small. My constituents are hard-working people that seek to improve the lives for themselves and their families.

Charter Communications is one of the telecommunications providers in my district, and I appreciate that they provide the same cable television, Internet and phone services throughout St. Louis City and the Metropolitan area. Charter's high-speed Internet service is utilized by residential and business customers. Their slowest Internet speed in my district is one hundred megabits per second. The service is a great educational tool for students with their studies.

Charter is part of the St. Louis community. Their community-focused initiative, Charter Our Community, partners with Rebuilding Together St. Louis to provide funding and volunteers to help rebuild low-income homes. They have also been a sponsor of the William L. Clay Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to students for college education.

Charter has also brought over 4,000 jobs into Missouri. The company has focused in bringing outsourced customer care jobs back into the United States, and they state that they intend to do that with the Time Warner Cable customer care jobs that are oversees.

For the reasons specified above, I hope the Commission will support the new Charter merger.

Sincerely yours, Jamelah Masheed

Jamilah Nasheed State Senator